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APPLICANTS: Thomas L. Barkley et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, is responsive to the office action, designated "final", mailed June 19, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the claims, including the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 17-19, 24 and 25 and the amendment of claims 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 24-26 and 28, are made in the listing of claims submitted herewith.